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SUBJ: JAMIESON VISIT: APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY WAS INFORMED JANUARY 29 THAT FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO CANADA CHENG WEN-CHIN WOULD ATTEND THE WELCOMING
BANQUET FOR CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DONALD JAMIESON IN
THE CAPACITY OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. (JANUARY 29 NCNA REPORT
IDENTIFIED CHANG WITH HIS NEW TITLE; VICE MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNE
WAS ALSO PRESENT.) CHANG, MOST RECENTLY PRC DEPUTY
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
WILL PRESUMABLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICAN AND OCEANIC
AFFAIRS, EITHER SHARING OR TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR WANG HAI-JUNG. WANG MAY ALSO BE ASSUMING ADDITIONAL
RESPONSIBILITIES, CONCEIVABLY IN THE AREA OF
ASIAN AFFAIRS (SHE SAW TENG HSIAO-PING OFF ON
HIS BURMA TRIP, JANUARY 26, FOR INSTANCE). SINCE
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THE CULTURAL REVOLUTON, CHANG HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED
PRIMARILY WITH NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS. PRIOR TO
1966, HE SERVED AS PRC AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN AND AS
DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECOND
ASIA DEPARTMENT (NON-COMMUNIST ASIA).

2. COMMENT: SINCE NO VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE

YET BEEN REMOVED OR TRANSFERRED, CHANG'S APPOINTMENT PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT THE PRC IS EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS DEALING WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE. THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER, IN USE JUST BEFORE AND AFTER THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, HAS ALSO BEEN REVIVED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FORMER PRC AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN, SUNG CHIH-KUANG (REVEALED DURING THE BARRE VISIT). WANG HAI-JUNG, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS AN ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FROM 1972 TO 1974.

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